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USCOB'S 275 AUGUST 17 TO CINCUSAREUR FOLLOWS WITH USBER  
ANNOTATIONS IN PARENTHESES:

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1. REF: A. COB 273 (ALSO SENT AS USBER'S 160 BONN, 173 DEPT)  
B. SX 5423 (USAREUR TO USCOB) C. BONN 97 (SENT DEPT 316)

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2. I FEEL THAT PROPOSAL PARAGRAPH 2, REFERENCE B (I.E.,  
SOVS TO BE BRIEFED BY PROVOST MARSHAL AND GIVEN CARDS SHOWING  
SIGN AND COLOR LICENSE PLATES DISPLAYED ON VEHICLES AMERICAN  
MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM FRANCE AND ITALY) WOULD PUT US IN  
POSITION BEING TOLD BY SOVIETS TO TAKE OUR PROBLEM TO THE  
GDR OFFICIALS SINCE THE SOVIETS HAVE PREVIOUSLY DENIED  
RESPONSIBILITY AUTOBAHN TRAVEL EXCEPT THROUGH CHECKPOINTS- SEE COB  
254 (SENT AS USBER'S G-524 TO DEPT, G-334 TO BONN).  
ACTUALLY, SOVIETS THEMSELVES HAVE NEVER QUESTIONED TYPE OF  
LICENSE CARRIED ON OUR VEHICLES PROVIDED MOVEMENT ORDERS  
SHOWED IDENTICAL NUMBER.

3. IN VIEW OF COMMENTS IN REFERENCE B AND C NO CHANGE IN  
PROCEDURE CONTEMPLATED HERE IN THIS MATTER UNLESS DIRECTED.  
HOWEVER, FEEL IT HIGHLY DESIRABLE THAT THREE ALLIES FOLLOW  
SAME PROCEDURES RE AUTOBAHN TRAVEL.

THEFORE RECOMMEND EMBASSY BONN PERSUADE BRITISH AND FRENCH  
ADOPT U.S. PROCEDURE, I.E., INSTRUCT PERSONNEL NOT REPEAT  
NOT, SHOW MOVEMENT ORDERS OR OTHER IDENTIFICATION TO GDR POLICE  
WHEN STOPPED ON AUTOBAHN. END TEXT.

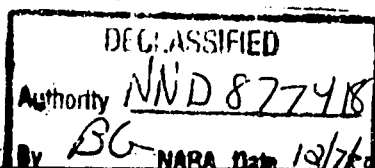
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